

# MUNICIPAL YEAR 2009/2010 REPORT NO. 17

## MEETING TITLE AND DATE:

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## REPORT OF:

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**Subject: Parks Refurbishment Programme  
2009 - 2012**

**Wards: ALL**

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## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlines proposals for the allocation of additional capital investment in parks and open spaces for the period 2009-2012. It is complementary to the Council's Place Shaping objectives and other Corporate and externally funded capital projects, which will contribute to improvement of parks and open spaces during the next three years.

## 2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1. That Cabinet recommends to Council the addition of £2.75million to the Parks and Open Spaces Capital Programme over the next three years as outlined in Appendix 1.
- 2.2. To Note the existing Parks and Open Spaces Capital Programme as outlined in Appendix 2.
- 2.3. That authority is delegated to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources to agree to the release and spend on individual schemes as they are prepared in more detail.

## 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. In 2007/08 Council approved capital expenditure of £3.715 million for parks and open spaces infrastructure improvements, comprising allocations of £1.215, £1.280 and £1.220 million respectively for the years 2007/8 to 2009/10. After 2009/10, there is no capital allocation for Parks and Open Spaces within the current Capital Programme.
- 3.2. To complement, enhance and extend the current programme into future years, Cabinet is asked to recommend to Council the approval of additional capital expenditure of £2.75 million for parks infrastructure improvements for the years 2009/10 to 2011/12 as shown in Appendix 1.

- 3.3. The recommendations comprise of a series of priority projects which have been identified through feedback from Friends of Parks groups and evaluation of facility provision throughout the Borough having regard to known declining infrastructure and parks usage.
- 3.4. The current 2009/10 programme will be reviewed alongside the additional sum requested, and the opportunity will be taken to combine these allocations into one programme meeting the needs of the Borough within the agreed resources.
- 3.5. The costings identified within Appendix 1 are indicative at this stage. The programme will be adjusted to take into account actual costs and programme revisions, which arise through the need to respond to changing circumstances, opportunities and more detailed consultation and evaluation.
- 3.6. These additional projects will further enhance existing green flag sites and give the potential of additional green flag sites in future years.

#### **4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

None.

#### **5. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1 To continue to enhance and extend the 3-year parks infrastructure capital programme, currently due for completion at the end of March 2010 until the end of March 2012.
- 5.2 To improve access to high quality open spaces and respond to the need to maintain parks and open spaces as a valuable and improving resource for all.

#### **6. COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE RESOURCES AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS**

##### **Financial Implications**

- 6.1 Since the amount of additional capital expenditure proposed exceeds £500,000, the decision to add this to the Capital Programme will require Council approval. There are sufficient resources within the General Fund Capital Reserve to fund the proposed expenditure.
- 6.2 Individual schemes will need to be subject to the usual prioritisation, evaluation, consultation, delegated authority reporting and procurement processes before they will go ahead.

##### **Legal Implications**

- 6.3 Under the Local Government Act every local authority has powers to do anything which they consider is likely to promote the economic, social or environmental well being of their area. The recommendations within this report are a correct use of these powers.

## **7. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 Management of the Capital Programme is monitored on a monthly basis through the Place Shaping & Enterprise Capital Board and any variations are reported when identified. There are risks involved in the delivery of projects on time however these will be closely monitored in the new financial year to ensure there is no loss in service delivery.

## **8. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

### **The Council's Improvement Plan 2007-10.**

- 8.1 This report sets out the actions to be taken that will meet the following aims and objectives within the council's Corporate Improvement Plan:

- 8.2 The Parks and Open Spaces Refurbishment Programme contributes to the following aims:-

8.3 **Provide high quality and efficient services**

Deliver a customer focused approach that helps all people access council services

Increase the efficiency, value for money and quality of services through continuous improvement and performance management

Provide effective community leadership and increase public participation in the Council's decision-making process and local initiatives

8.5 **A Healthier Enfield**

By creating healthy opportunities, encouraging physical activity.

8.6 **Supporting the delivery of Excellent Services**

By upgrading facilities and striving for continuous improvement in service delivery (e.g. Achievement of Green Flag accreditation)

## **9. COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 **Positive Impact**

The allocation of additional capital investment in parks and open spaces as proposed will provide for improvement to the infrastructure and facilities within parks for the benefit of all members of the community, and should also assist in increasing their usage in the future. Improvements to the Blind Trail in Trent Park will particularly benefit users with a visual impairment

## **10. PUTTING ENFIELD FIRST**

- 10.1 Projects are only included in the capital programme following a prioritisation exercise that takes account of the extent to which they support the delivery of the Council's aims and objectives.

**Appendix 1 – Additional Parks and Open Spaces Infrastructure capital improvements 2009-2012**

Planned improvement	2009/10	£K	2010/11	£K	2011/12	£K
<b>Playground refurbishment</b>	Bury Street Park, Bush Hill Park, Cuckoo Hall Open Space Holmesdale Tunnel Open Space	390	Albany Park Durants Park Grovelands Park	325	Weir Hall Open Space, Ladysmith Open Space, Cheyne Walk Open Space, Aylands Open Space	400
<b>Toilet refurbishment</b>	Bury St Bush Hill Park	220				
<b>Green Gyms</b>	Pymmes	50	To be determined	150		
<b>Tennis Courts</b>	Arnos, Oakwood, Durant's	165				
<b>Heritage Centre</b>	Trent Park	120				
<b>Blind Trail</b>	Trent Park	50				
<b>BMX Track</b>			To be determined	200		
<b>CCTV</b>	Queen Elizabeth Stadium	100				
<b>New park café facilities</b>	To be determined	300				
<b>New Waste Bins</b>	Various	30				
<b>New Orchard(s)</b>	To be determined	50				
<b>Project management costs</b>				100		100
<b>Yearly Total</b>	<b>2009/10</b>	<b>£1475K</b>	<b>2010/11</b>	<b>£775K</b>	<b>2011/12</b>	<b>£500K</b>

## Appendix 2 - Parks Infrastructure capital improvements 2007-2010

Planned improvement	07/08	£K	08/09	£K	09/10	£K
Toilet refurbishment	Grovelands Tatem Town	260	Trent Oakwood	260	Broomfield	100
<b>Splash Pools</b>			Craig	200	Albany	200
<b>Playground refurbishment</b>			Broomfield, Oakwood	200	Arnos, Pymmes	200
<b>Multi use games areas</b>			Town Oakwood	200	To be determined subject to survey and changing demand	200
<b>*Green Flag improvements to paths, railings, signage, benches, bins, buildings and other features</b>	Jubilee, Grovelands, Oakwood, Pymmes, Town and Forty Hall 2007	300	To be determined subject to survey and inspection results	150	To be determined subject to survey and inspection results	150
<b>Tree / shrub replacement</b>	In accordance with arboricultural strategy. Will create new-planted coppices to improve and replace lost stock using drought resistant species	15	In accordance with arboricultural strategy	10	In accordance with arboricultural strategy	10
<b>Water capture</b>		50	Rainwater 'harvesting' systems installation programme audit to identify key sites and costings.	40		30

<b>Bridge repair /replacement</b>	Essential maintenance arising from planned inspection programme. Bridges selected based upon inspection results but to include Maiden's bridge at Forty Hall in year one	150	100	100
<b>New River Essential repairs contingency</b>		40	30	30
<b>Town Park replacement central feature</b>				Match funding to support new feature providing an attractive focal point and family based leisure use.
<b>Improved car parking provision at Trent Park</b>		300		
<b>Project management costs</b>		100	90	100
		1215	1280	1220

**Appendix 3 - Enfield Play Pathfinder - list of Pathfinder Projects taking place within Parks 2009/2010**

Enfield is one of 30 Play Pathfinders tasked with leading the way in providing new inclusive and challenging play areas in parks and open spaces.

Focus is on natural environments and enriching the play experience for 8-13 age group with new or substantially refurbished sites and one adventure playground by March 2010.

**Year One Park Sites - March 2009**

Ward	Park or Open Space
<b>Enfield Highway</b>	Albany Park & Durants Park
<b>Jubilee</b>	Cuckoo Hall Recreation Ground
<b>Ponders End</b>	Ponders End Recreation Ground
<b>Edmonton Green</b>	Craig Park & Montagu Road Open Space
<b>Bowes</b>	Tottenham Recreation Ground
<b>Winchmore Hill</b>	Grovelands Park
<b>Cockfosters</b>	Bramley Road Open Space
<b>Highlands</b>	Boxers Lake Open Space
<b>Southbury</b>	Bush Hill Park
<b>Chase</b>	North Enfield Recreation Ground

**Proposed Year Two Park Sites - March 2010**

Ward	Park or Open Space
<b>Ponders End</b>	Alma Road Open Space
<b>Edmonton Green</b>	Pymmes Park
<b>Upper Edmonton</b>	Weir Hall
<b>Bush Hill Park</b>	Bury Lodge Gardens
<b>Palmers Green</b>	Hazelwood Recreation Ground
<b>Southgate Green</b>	Arnos Park & High Road Open Space
<b>Cockfosters</b>	Hood Avenue Open Space & Trent Park
<b>Town</b>	Aldersbrook Avenue Recreation Ground
<b>Adventure Playground</b>	
<b>Upper Edmonton</b>	Florence Hayes Recreation Ground